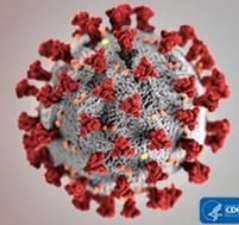


# Updates on COVID-19 and Court Operations

What justices, judges and circuit court clerks need to know



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## Update for March 17, 2020

Justices, Judges, Circuit Court Clerks and Kentucky Court of Justice Personnel:

### **Court personnel urged to remain calm as Judicial Branch prepares to take additional social-distancing measures**

I understand your growing concern as state and national governments take drastic measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 across the country. This is a rapidly evolving situation and I encourage you to remain calm and carry out court business based on current guidelines until advised differently. I will provide information about our path forward as soon as possible.

The Supreme Court is working with the Administrative Office of the Courts to determine next steps in light of Gov. Beshear's call for state government to allow employees who can to work remotely and to restrict in-person services. Executive Branch employees are still reporting to work. While Gov. Beshear only has the authority to close in-person services in the Executive Branch, I expect the Judicial Branch to follow suit and will provide staffing guidelines when we confirm what the recommendations will be.

So that we can focus all of our resources on finalizing these plans, please limit your non-emergency communications to emailing us at [covid19@kycourts.net](mailto:covid19@kycourts.net) and someone will respond as quickly as possible. You can also find ongoing updates on the [COVID-19 and the Courts](#) webpage.

I will provide an update later today and, until then, thank you for your patience and support during this public health emergency.

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